



Inspection Report

VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY

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VALDOSTA, GA 31698

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2.31 (b)

INSTITUTIONAL ANIMAL CARE AND USE COMMITTEE (IACUC).

(b) IACUC Membership.

(1) The members of each Committee shall be appointed by the Chief Executive Officer of the research facility;

(2) The Committee shall be composed

(3) Of the members of the Committee:

(ii) At least one shall not be affiliated in any way with the facility other than as a member of the Committee, and shall not be a member of the immediate family of a person who is affiliated with the facility. The Secretary intends that such person will provide representation for general community interests in the proper care and treatment of animals;

***A properly constituted IACUC is composed of a Chairperson and at least two other members--one of which must be a veterinarian and one of which must be an individual unaffiliated with the registered research facility. The purpose of this unaffiliated member is to provide representation for general community interests. The facility does not meet the spirit or intent of this regulation as there has not been an unaffiliated member on the Institutional Animal Care and Use Facility for over 1 year. An unaffiliated member must be appointed to comprise a properly constituted Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee. Correct by: 01 May 08.

2.31 (c) (1)

INSTITUTIONAL ANIMAL CARE AND USE COMMITTEE (IACUC).

(c) IACUC Functions. With respect to activities involving animals, the IACUC, as an agent of the research facility, shall:

(1) Review, at least once every six months, the research facility's program for humane care and use of animals, using title 9, chapter I, subchapter A--Animal Welfare, as a basis for evaluation

***Facility has not documented IACUC facility semi-annual inspections and program reviews since 23 Apr 07. The Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee must conduct and document inspections of animal areas and review the institutional program for animal care no less than once every six months. Correct by: 01 May 08.

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(3) Prepare reports of its evaluations conducted as required by paragraphs (c)(1) and (2) of this section, and submit the reports to the Institutional Official of the research facility; ...The reports shall be reviewed and signed by a majority of the IACUC members and must include any minority views. The reports shall be updated at least once every six months upon completion of the required semiannual evaluations and shall be maintained by the research facility and made available to APHIS and to officials of funding Federal agencies for inspection and copying upon request. The reports must contain a description of the nature and extent of the research facility's adherence to this subchapter, must identify specifically any departures from the provisions of title 9, chapter I, subchapter A--Animal Welfare, and must state the reasons for each departure. The reports must distinguish significant deficiencies from minor deficiencies. A significant deficiency is one which, with reference to Subchapter A, and, in the judgment of the IACUC and the Institutional Official, is or may be a threat to the health or safety of the animals. If program or facility deficiencies are noted, the reports must contain a reasonable and specific plan and schedule with dates for correcting each deficiency. Any failure to adhere to the plan and schedule that results in a significant deficiency remaining uncorrected shall be reported in writing within 15 business days by the IACUC, through the Institutional Official, to APHIS and any Federal agency funding that activity;

***The facility IACUC semi-annual inspection report identifies deficiencies and properly categorizes them as significant or minor; however, the report lacks a specific plan for correction and correction dates. The current plan for correction stating: "needs to be checked" and "need to initiate action" is unacceptable as it does not provide any specific detail. Additionally, the report lacks required signatures from the majority of the IACUC. Specific plans for correction of deficiencies and correction dates must be assigned by the IACUC and the report must be signed by a majority of committee members. Correct by: 01 May 08.

3.26 (d)

FACILITIES, INDOOR.

(d) Interior surfaces. The interior building surfaces of indoor housing facilities shall be constructed and maintained so that they are substantially impervious to moisture and may be readily sanitized.

***There is an area of peeling/flaking paint on the wall of the hamster room. This area is approximately 8 inches in diameter on the right-side wall (as viewed from the entryway to the room). The edges of the peeling paint can be easily pulled loose from the wall manually. There is exposed porous concrete block in the damaged area of wall that is not impervious to moisture. The interior surfaces of indoor housing facilities for hamsters must be maintained in a manner that allows proper cleaning and sanitization. Correct by: 01 May 08.

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